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In re Application of :
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Application No.: 10/578,606 :
Filing Date: 05 May 2006 :
Attorney Docket No.: 1002.12 :
For: METHOD, SYSTEM, AND COMPUTER : DECISION
PROGRAM PRODUCT FOR :
AUTOMATICALLY PERFORMING AN :
OPERATION IN RESPONSE TO :
INFORMATION :

This application is before the Office of PCT Legal Administration for matters arising under 35 U.S.C. § 371.

BACKGROUND

On 18 April 2005, applicant filed international application PCT/US2005/013068 claiming priority to five (5) U.S. provisional patent applications filed 20 April 2004.

On 05 May 2006, applicant filed five (5) transmittal letters for entry into the national stage in the United States, accompanied by, *inter alia*, the basic national fee. The files were assigned U.S. serial numbers 10/578,415; 10/578,606; 10/578,411, 10/578,417 and 10/578,416.

On 07 August 2006, applicant submitted a petition under 37 CFR 1.182 requesting that the above-captioned application be processed as a continuation of the U.S. National Phase application based on PCT/US2005/013068. Applicant also submitted a Supplemental Application Data Sheet.

DISCUSSION

As is evident from the above recited facts, five sets of papers to enter the national stage under 35 U.S.C. 371 were submitted for international application number PCT/US2005/013068. The end result for an international application designating the United States of America is a single U.S. national stage application. Therefore, the submission of five (5) sets of national stage papers to enter the United States was improper.

U.S. application number 10/578,415 (attorney docket number 1002.14) has been designated as the national stage filing of PCT/US2005/013068. Therefore, applicant requests to convert the subject application to a filing under 35 U.S.C. § 111(a) to be treated as a continuation of the international application, PCT/US2005/013068.

A review of the papers filed 05 May 2006 reveals that a description, drawings and claims were submitted. This is sufficient to meet the requirements of a filing under 35 U.S.C. 111(a). The \$400.00 petition fee has been charged from Deposit Account No. 50-3524 as authorized. The Supplemental Application Data Sheet indicates that the above-captioned application is a Continuation of PCT/US2005/013068.

CONCLUSION

Applicant's petition under 37 CFR 1.182 is hereby **GRANTED**.

This above-identified application is accepted as filed under 35 U.S.C. 111(a) and is a Continuation of PCT/US2005/013068 filed 18 April 2005 claiming the benefit of five (5) U.S. provisional applications filed 20 April 2004.

This application will be forwarded to the Office of Initial Patent Examination (OIPE) for further processing under 35 U.S.C. 111(a) with a filing date of 05 May 2006. OIPE should ensure that the proper fees are charged.


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